

# STATE OF WISCONSIN

# Senate Journal

## Ninety–Eighth Regular Session

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FRIDAY, December 21, 2007

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

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### CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

#### DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The Chief Clerk records:

**Senate Joint Resolution 64**

**Senate Joint Resolution 66**

Deposited in the office of the Secretary of State on 12–20–2007.

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### INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS; REFERENCE OF APPOINTMENTS

Read first time and referred:

#### **Senate Bill 366**

Relating to: unfunded pension liability financing in populous counties and membership on the pension study committee.

By Senators Coggs, Taylor, Darling, Plale and Lazich; cosponsored by Representatives Stone, Honadel, Young, Zepnick, Fields, Sinicki, A. Williams, Ballweg, Hahn, Turner and Vos.

To joint survey committee on **Retirement Systems**.

#### **Senate Bill 367**

Relating to: tax disclosure statements.

By Senators Hansen, Vinehout, Wirsch, Jauch, Robson, Coggs, Kreitlow, Lehman, Carpenter and Erpenbach; cosponsored by Representatives Garthwaite, Musser, Soletski, Sinicki, Black, Berceau, Zepnick, Hilgenberg, Boyle, Pocan, Benedict, Grigsby, Pope–Roberts, Seidel, Mason, Turner, Parisi, Jorgensen and Vruwink.

To committee on **Tax Fairness and Family Prosperity**.

#### **Senate Bill 368**

Relating to: the operation of certain 3–vehicle combinations on certain highways without a permit (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Transportation).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Transportation and Tourism**.

#### **Senate Bill 369**

Relating to: occupational licenses for certain offenders (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Transportation).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Transportation and Tourism**.

#### **Senate Bill 370**

Relating to: depositing all revenue from the assessment on licensed beds of nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded into the Medical Assistance trust fund (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Health and Family Services).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy**.

#### **Senate Bill 371**

Relating to: offering circulars provided to prospective franchisees under the franchise investment law (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Financial Institutions).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology and Financial Institutions**.

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### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

#### State of Wisconsin Office of the Secretary of State

December 21, 2007

The Honorable, the Legislature:

<u>Joint Resolution</u>	<u>Enrolled Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
<b>SJR 64</b>	<b>20</b>	Not Published
<b>SJR 66</b>	<b>21</b>	Not Published

Sincerely,

*DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE*

Secretary of State

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#### State of Wisconsin Milwaukee Public Schools Office of Instructional Leadership and Support

November 12, 2007

The Honorable, the Senate:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the report entitled “High/Scope All Day Five–Year Old Kindergarten Program and High/Scope First Grade Program.” This report provides a summary of the project and the data collected for the 2005–2006 school year.

Each year a report is prepared in response to Sections 119.71, 119.73, and 119.75 of the current state statutes. This

report should provide you with a comprehensive summary, as well as specific details regarding the positive impact of this early childhood program. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 475-8528.

Sincerely,  
ANN TERRELL  
Director

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**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Corrections**

November 29, 2007

The Honorable, the Legislature:

Attached is the annual report on Prison Industries for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 as required by S.S. 303.018 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The report includes the cash balances of each industry. Private sector joint venture balances are reported separately from the remainder of Prison Industries.

**Traditional Prison Industries**

Traditional Industries gross revenue for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 were \$17,551,422. Cash expenditures for the same time period are \$17,540,802. Through the end of this fiscal year, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$10,620. Traditional Industries ended fiscal 2007 with an accumulated cash balance of \$350,214.

**Private Sector Ventures**

For the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 there were no receipts or cash expenditures in Private Sector Ventures. There was no cash balance at the end of fiscal year 2007 and no future revenues or expenditures are anticipated for Private Sector Ventures.

The Department of Corrections would be happy to respond to any questions you may have on this matter.

Sincerely,  
RICK RAEMISCH  
Secretary, Department of Corrections  
MICHAEL MORGAN  
Secretary, Department of Administration

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**State of Wisconsin  
Groundwater Advisory Committee**

December 14, 2007

The Honorable, the Legislature:

On behalf of the Groundwater Advisory Committee, we are pleased to submit this report to the Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources and the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources in fulfillment of its charge under 2003 Wisconsin Act 310. We appreciate the opportunity to serve on this important Committee and recognize the significance of Act 310. This report is the second of two reports called for under Act 310.

The first report submitted at the end of 2006, focused on management of groundwater resources within groundwater management areas and other areas of the state that have already experienced broad impacts due to groundwater drawdown. This report complements the 2006 report and assesses the

effectiveness of the law and adequacy of specific provisions in the law.

Overall, the Committee believes Act 310 is working as originally intended as a first step in integrated water management. The law has provided an added level of environmental protection for trout streams, outstanding resource waters, exceptional resource waters and springs by ensuring that potential impacts to these resources be evaluated and reduced as part of the high capacity well approved process.

The Committee reached unanimous agreement on several important issues in 2007 and also worked collaboratively with the DNR to develop Chapter NR 820, Wis. Adm. Code, which was generally endorsed by the Committee. There were also a number of complex issues that simply were not amenable to a unanimous resolution. In those cases, the report contains a number of options prepared by and voted on by Committee members for consideration by the legislature. Resolution of these issues will require additional discussion. We believe the work completed by the Groundwater Advisory Committee over the past two years as reflected in the two reports will serve as a solid foundation for those discussions.

As stated above, Act 310 is a valuable component in ensuring sound management of the State's groundwater resources. However, further work remains to be done to build upon the successes of Act 310. Information collected as the DNR continues its implementation of Act 310 and NR 820 along with ongoing research and monitoring will be essential as enhancements to the regulatory framework are contemplated.

We would be pleased to discuss the enclosed report at a joint meeting of the standing committees. Such a meeting might be valuable for the Committees to enhance their understanding of the recommendations made by the Groundwater Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,  
RON KUEHN  
Co-Chair, Groundwater Advisory Committee

Sincerely,  
M. CAROL MCCARTNEY  
Co-Chair, Groundwater Advisory Committee

Referred to committee on **Environment and Natural Resources**.

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**State of Wisconsin  
Joint Legislative Council**

December 17, 2007

The Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to transmit to you the following reports to the 2007 Legislature on legislation introduced by the Joint Legislative Council:

RL 2007-16 Special Committee on Charter Schools  
RL 2007-20 Special Committee on Great Lakes Water Resources Compact

I would appreciate your including this letter in the Journal for the information of the membership. Additional copies of these reports are available at the Legislative Council Staff offices, One East Main, Suite 401, or from our web page at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/>.

Sincerely,  
TERRY C. ANDERSON  
Director